

Chargin' Charlie

February 2023

Shadows, Olympiads and Anniversary Gear

The shortest month of the year includes several celebrations that seem to help take the chill out of winter. Ground Hog Day (Feb 2nd), Valentine's Day (Feb 14th) and Presidents Day (Feb 20th) at least temporarily change the focus from cold weather to hope for an early spring, romance and a long weekend. While some Northern Virginia Volksmarchers await warmer weather before resuming their favorite walks, other club members are headed south this month in search of fun, fitness and fellowship.

The IVV Olympiad and International Marching League Texas Trail Roundup in San Antonio offer eight days of walking, biking and swimming events from Feb 19-26th. NVV Club members Ron Jones, Heather Warden, Dianne Purdy and I plan to join participants from at least 25 countries and 40 states during the first Olympiad in North America. As the IVV pass stamps pictured below highlight, Susan and I have been fortunate to attend similar international festivals in Italy (Sud Tyrol in 2013), Germany (Koblenz in 2017) and France (Aix En Provence in 2019).

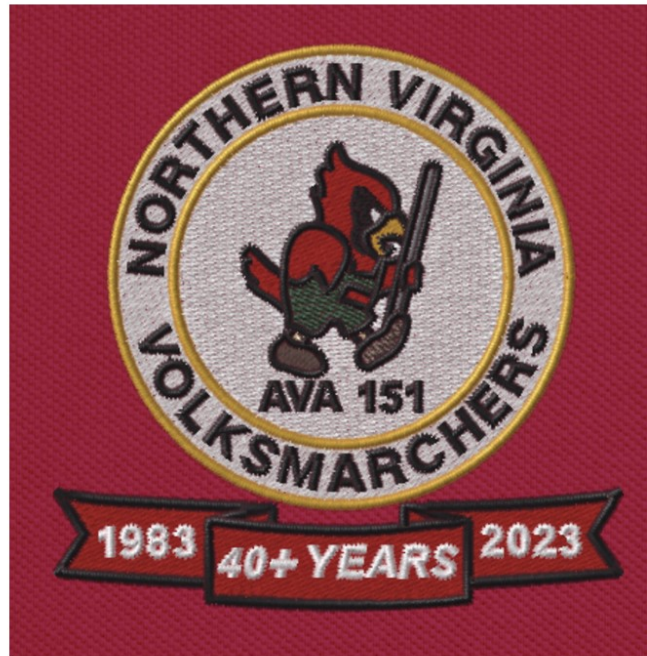


Volkssport events from the Olympiad Village, located on the famous riverwalk, will include scenic routes from 5km to 42km. A parade, opening and closing ceremonies, live entertainment, a rodeo, and an AVA membership meeting are also on the schedule. Additional information and registration form are online at <https://ivvolympiad2023.org>

Our 40th Anniversary Volksmarch on April 22nd in Burke will occur four decades after our club's first walk there in 1983. A unique token for participants that features Chargin' Charlie was

created for this event, and free anniversary cake will be shared at Villa Bella following the walk. Members are encouraged to serve at the start, finish or sales table by volunteering at the SignUp Genius webpage at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4dafa62da02-40th#/>

You can pick up great NVV 40th Anniversary gear at this historic event by ordering before Valentine's Day. The Chargin' Charlie logo with the 40th Anniversary banner is available on your choice of items from shirts to wine glasses. Below are samples of the high-quality embroidered logo on shirts from Lands End Business. Additional clothing items can be viewed at the custom NVV online storefront located at <https://business.landsend.com/store/nvv>. To order simply let me know desired item #, color and size at the Jan 13th club meeting or reply to this email with your choice(s).





If you would like to order a pair of wonderful wine glasses with the Chargin' Charlie 40th Anniversary logo, like the centerpieces at the Holiday Party, let Ron Jones know at outdoorsy_guy1@yahoo.com He also has included an order form in this newsletter.

Hopefully the prognosticator in Punxsutawney, PA will not see his shadow on Groundhog Day, and we can look forward to early spring weather. Either way, I look forward to seeing everyone at our next club meeting, which is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday, February 13th at Daniels Run Elementary School in the City of Fairfax.

Steve Brown, NVV President

NVV January Minutes

Happy New Year - 2023!

Our first meeting this year was held on Jan. 9 and the following members were present: Steve Brown, Jim and Helen Garamone, Dianne Purdy, Bonnie Recore, Ron Jones, Karen Plott, Margaret and Roy Warner, Mary and Tony Fazio.

The minutes from the November meeting were accepted.

Steve asked about memorable walks since our last meeting: Ron and Heather walked in Richmond and Williamsburg. Helen and Dianne also walked in Williamsburg for their annual 2nd weekend

in December event. Dianne stayed in Williamsburg and walked in Newport News, and then Ashland on the way back home. Susan and Jack Jeter walked in Smithfield.

Notes from the treasurer: we're ahead for this fiscal year by \$540.38. (The Year-round events supply the most income.)

Margaret advised we have 51 members. Roy is updating our database.

As stated in last month's newsletter: our Holiday Extravaganza was held December 3-4. Helen said that the Greenbelt club, who partners this walk with NVV, has already published info for this year's walk to be held on Dec 2-3, 2023.

We had a manned Sales table set up at this walk, and we will plan to do this again at future events.

Helen advised that AVA has increased the cost of walking books to \$10 (up from \$6). We will keep selling books to members at the previous cost until our supply runs out.

Our 40th Anniversary walk will be held on April 22. Jim is writing an article for the AVA newsletter.

Steve is in contact with Harry Jones - who is one of the original members of our club. Harry walked many walks and will share stories with Steve!

Dianne provided Steve the name of a past president (Arlene) - I don't know what years, but I saw a quilt she made which contained patches from walks - and many of them were from our Club's walks from past years! (She now lives in Washington State, but would certainly be a font of info from her years in Virginia)

Our favorite guided walk leader, Ron, said the guided walks were great and shared the numbers of participants.

The Lake Barton walk should be online by next meeting. Our two seasonal walks (Lorton Workhouse and Lake Accotink) will resume in March.

Steve reminded us to check out the LandsEnd website to view the options for our NVV Anniversary logo items. In fact, both Steve and Ron were modeling two different items at the meeting! We can make a selection and send the info to Steve so we could possibly get a deal by purchasing more items!

Ron is taking orders for NVV wine glasses - a pair for \$12.

Helen attended the VVA meeting at Williamsburg and shared some items from that meeting. VVA has extended their "Find the Love" program thru 2023.

Remembering the great time many of us had in Pennsylvania at the last Atlantic Regional Conference, Steve advised that the next Atlantic Conference will be held in 2024 in Delaware.

In 2026, it will be held in Williamsburg, to coincide with the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Yorktown.

The next NVV meeting will be held Feb. 13. Shortly after that Dianne will be heading to Texas to participate in the IML. Steve, and Ron and Heather will also be attending.

National Walking Week is 1-7 April.

Dianne Purdy, acting secretary

Upcoming events

February is a tough time for walking traditional events. Here are some to whet your appetite.

March 25 - Maryland Day Walk at St. Mary's City. The Start Point is Historic St. Mary's City Visitor Center. Admission to Historic St. Mary's City is free that day.

April 8 - Bryan Park Welcome to Spring Walk in Richmond, Va. The start point is Ginter Park Branch Richmond Public Library, 1200 Westbrook Ave. in Richmond, Va.

May 13 - Embassy Walk beginning at 1501 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, DC.

Next Meeting

February 13 at Daniels Run Elementary School: 7:30pm.

Quote

An early-morning walk is a blessing for the whole day." - Henry David Thoreau

Parting shots



Seoul sunrise.



Manila sunset.

NVV 40th Anniversary Wine Glasses - Order Form



- Pair of 2 with 40th Anniversary Logo = \$12
- Smoked stemless glasses with thick bottoms
- Holds up to 20 oz (12 oz nicely)
- Order Deadline — Feb 13
- Delivery at April 22 Anniversary Walk

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Name & Phone #: _____

Number of Pairs: _____

Amount: _____

Payment Enclosed: Ck _____ **Cash** _____

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